

CLAIMS:

1. A method for proofing a scan job in which a plurality of pages have been scanned using a scanner adapted for printing, comprising:

printing a proof sheet by the scanner, said proof sheet containing a selected sub-set of the information contained within the scan job;

inspecting said proof sheet;

electing, based on the result of said step of inspecting, whether to accept the scan job or not; and

where the result of said step of electing is to accept the scan job, thereafter sending the scan job.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising rendering substantially the entire scan job after said step of sending.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said proof sheet includes descriptive

information describing the scan job.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes at least one of the following: a remote computer, a remote computer peripheral, and a hand-held device.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein, where the result of said step of electing is not to accept the scan job, the method further comprising the step of storing the scan job in a memory, receiving user instruction, and modifying the stored scan job according to said user instruction prior to said step of sending.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising rendering substantially the

entire scan job after said step of forwarding.

12. An apparatus for proofing a scan job, comprising:

a scanner adapted for printing; and

a processing unit adapted to (a) cause said scanner, where a plurality of pages have been scanned using said scanner, to print a proof sheet, said proof sheet containing a selected sub-set of the information contained within the scan job, (b) provide for user election whether to accept the scan job or not, and (c) where the user elects to accept the scan job, thereafter send the scan job.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said proof sheet includes descriptive information describing the scan job.

15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said processing unit is adapted to send the scan job at least by forwarding the scan job to a network.

16. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said processing unit is adapted to send the scan job at least by forwarding the scan job to a network.

17. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the network includes at least one of the following: a remote computer, a remote computer peripheral, and a hand-held device.

18. The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a memory, wherein, where the user elects not to accept the scan job, the processing unit is adapted to store the scan job in said memory, receive user instruction, and modify the stored scan job according to said user instruction prior to sending the scan job.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said processing unit is adapted to send the scan job at least by forwarding the scan job to a network.

21. A medium readable by a machine embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for proofing a scan job in which a plurality of pages have been scanned using a scanner adapted for printing, comprising:

printing a proof sheet by the scanner, said proof sheet containing a selected sub-set of the information contained within the scan job;

where a user inspects said proof sheet, receiving user input

indicating whether the user elects to accept the scan job or not; and

where the user elects to accept the scan job, thereafter sending the scan job.

22. The medium of claim 21, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

23. The medium of claim 22, wherein said proof sheet includes descriptive information describing the scan job.

24. The medium of claim 22, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.

25. The medium of claim 21, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.

26. The medium of claim 21, wherein the network includes at least one of the following: a remote computer, a remote computer peripheral, and a hand-held device.

27. The medium of claim 21, wherein, where the user elects not to accept the scan job, the method further comprising the step of storing the scan job in a memory, receiving user instruction, and modifying the stored scan job according to said user

instruction prior to said step of sending.

28. The medium of claim 27, wherein said proof sheet includes one or more thumbnail images representing one or more respective pages of the scan job.

29. The medium of claim 28, wherein said step of sending includes forwarding the scan job to a network.